

Rookie Corner 587

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Across

- 1 80% of their candles fixed for ornamental lighting fixtures (11)
- 7 Language originally speakers with African heritage instinctively learning it (7)
- 8 Away from light and misguided? (3-4)
- 10/18 Refrain featuring crown descendant? (4-1-3,4)
- 11 Way things stand now at ISIS revolting (2,2,2)
- 13 Excellent railway, well-ventilated (4)
- 14 Cross-trains to skip one metre (10)
- 16 Give up on how to describe 24 hours? (4,2,1,3)

18 See 10

- 21 Preserve record before impasse (3-3)
- 22 Two-pronged offer to hospital department has the French backing (8)
- 24 Behave wearing hat of a sensitive kind! (7)
- 25 English friend welcoming question with even distribution (7)
- 26 Auntie longs to order Norway lobster (11)

Down

- 1 Author has tea with Romeo going around urban church (7)
- 2 Beast in Turkmenistan I maltreated (6)

- 3 Sustenance of char, supported by money (5,5)
- 4 Also-ran in eastern country (4)
- 5 Very loud American setter embraced by first woman is overenthusiastic (8)
- 6 More sugary pudding given to former monarch (7)
- 7 Stellar icon surprising Knight of the Round Table (3,8)
- 9 Shiftless, drifting girl to perform in medieval drama on Christ? (7,4)
- 12 Apprehension and nuance intermittently as I approach headland (10)

- 15 Obsessive idea about emotional arrest of personality (8)
- 17 Soldier visiting public-house? That's reasonable! (7)
- 19 Plant one in ablest fashion (7)
- 20 Oddly ignored, my new hound bit Menuhin (6)
- 23 Prize Rolex conceals nothing (4)

